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SUBJECT: SECRETARY MCLUCAS REMARKS

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1. FOLLOWING PORTION OF DOD MORNING NEWS BRIEFING BY

ASD/PA FRIEDHEIM, TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1974, IS REPEATED

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q. COULD YOU GET MR. MCLUCAS TO COME DOWN AND HAVE A
PRESS CONFERENCE HERE SOMETIME AND TELL US ABOUT AMERICAN
POLICY TOWARD JAPAN AND THE RAMIFICATIONS THEREOF, THE WAY
HE SEEMS TO HAVE DONE IN TOKYO?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S BACK IN THE COUNTRY YET.

Q. DOES AMERICAN POLICY ENVISION THE DEPLOYMENT OF
JAPANESE FORCES OUTSIDE JAPANESE TERRITORY?

A. I THINK THE AIR FORCE CAN PROBABLY HELP YOU WITH WHAT
THE SECRETARY (MCLUCAS) SAID THERE.

Q. THE AIR FORCE HAS ALREADY HELPED ME WITH WHAT HE
SAID, IT AGREES WITH THE VERSION IN ANOTHER PAPER, IT
SEEMS ALL RIGHT.

A. I'LL POINT OUT THAT OUR OFFICIALS ARE INTIMATELY
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FAMILIAR WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

AND ALL THEIR REMARKS WERE IN THE CONTEXT OF UNDERSTANDING THE JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES AND THAT THOSE SORTS OF DECISIONS ABOUT THOSE FORCES AND WHAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THEM CONSTITUTIONALLY BE MADE BY THE JAPANESE. THIS IS A SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH OUR PEOPLE ARE QUESTIONED FROM TIME-TO-TIME AND YOU RECALL, I THINK, THAT SECRETARY LAIRD DISCUSSED IT ON A TRIP AND THERE WAS A U.S. NEWS INTERVIEW IN WHICH SECRETARY LAIRD DISCUSSED THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING ANY FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES.

Q. HE'S NOT HERE ANY MORE AND MR. MCLUCAS IS. I THINK MR. CLEMENTS ALSO TOLD THEM TO CHANGE THEIR CONSTITUTION ONCE, DIDN'T HE? ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

A. THAT WOULD ALSO BE A DECISION FOR THEM TO MAKE.

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